

2015 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Work Plan

The Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee was first created by statute for the 2009 interim. The committee was permanently reauthorized by statute during the 2010 regular legislative session. The committee has various statutory duties, including making an annual report; recommending any necessary legislation to the next session of the legislature; and requesting necessary action to the United States Congress, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Department of Defense. The committee is required to conduct meetings in several geographically dispersed areas of the state and to conduct hearings relating to military issues and veterans' issues.

During the 2015 interim, as time permits, the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee proposes to:

1. explore support and treatment options for veterans and military personnel with posttraumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, including alternative treatment options and their availability in various areas of the state;
2. receive an update on the military base realignment and closure process;
3. examine requirements for veterans' cemeteries;
4. receive testimony pertaining to educational opportunities and outreach offered by state educational institutions and public community colleges to veteran students;
5. examine options for the prevention of homelessness and support for homeless veterans in areas throughout the state;

6. receive testimony regarding jobs and business opportunities for veterans;
7. study long-term care options for veterans;
8. study potential clarification of the veteran property tax exemption;
9. study transportation to and from medical providers for veterans, particularly those living in rural areas of the state;
10. study issues facing female veterans;
11. study home rehabilitation for veterans' programs and funding;
12. receive testimony regarding the SunZia transmission project; and
13. study home health care options for veterans.

**Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
2015 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 17	Santa Fe
July 10	Espanola
August 18	Truth or Consequences
September 15-16	Alamogordo/White Sands Missile Range
October 23	Clovis
November 23	Santa Fe